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This also concerns
ZIPPER Reinhardt

TO PA: HICOG: MEHLEM ATTENTION CONSULAR REPORTS
OFFICER.

Ex-Admiral Heye expressed following views today on British arrests and HICOG poll. British action fully incomprehensible to him and his friends; there are many worse people than those arrested; what about the communists? British action could hardly have been better calculated to damage Adenauer and set back European unity. Either someone was very foolish or there is something behind it not yet apparent to him.

HICOG POLL HERE DOES NOT TAKE SO SERIOUSLY. HIS GUESS IS THAT IT WAS A "CALCULATED INDISCRETION" BUT DOES NOT REPRESENT OFFICIAL VIEW OF HICOG. EVERYONE KNOWS, HE SAID, THAT THERE ARE STILL MANY PEOPLE OF "MOR-GENTHAU OUTLOOK" IN HICOG, AND SOME OF THEM LET THIS OUT FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES.

HEVE FURTHER EXPRESSED GENERAL VIEW THAT IT WAS TIME HE STOPPED TREATING EX-NAZIS AS SECOND CLASS CITIZENS, IDEA BEING THAT AS LONG AS THEY ARE SO TREATED THEY WILL NEVER BECOME GOOD CITIZENS. IF THEY ARE PERMITTED AND URGED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY THEY WILL HAVE TO FOREGO RADICALISM AND DISCHARGE DUTIES TO STATE PROPERLY. LET THEM COME INTO POLITICAL PARTIES AND LET THE PARTIES ABSORB THEM. INSTEAD OF WORRYING WHAT THEY WILL DO TO THE PARTIES. HEVE FEELS THAT THERE ARE PLENTY OF ROGUES AMONGST EX-NAZIS BUT BEST TREATMENT IS TO STOP GIVING THEM PUBLICITY AND STOP LUMPING ALL OTHERS WHO WERE CONNECTED WITH NAZIS TOGETHER WITH THE ROGUES.

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